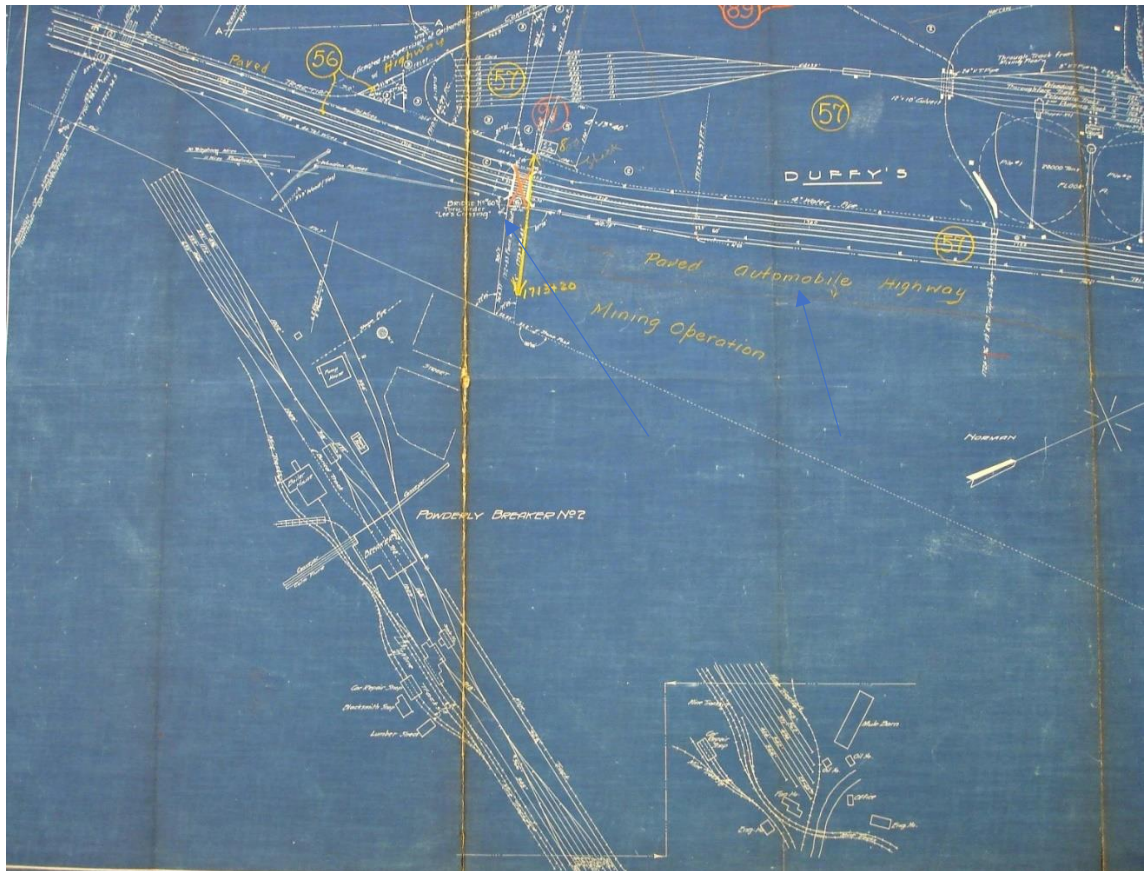


Duffy's Field, Childs, PA

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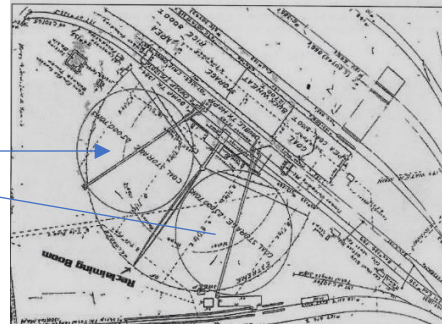
S. Robert Powell, Walter Kierzkowski, and Cody Gonsauls

The Anthracite Park coal storage facility that was built by the Hudson Coal Company in 1899, at the north end of the Carbondale D&H Yard, was closed in 1913, when the Carbondale D&H Yard was rebuilt, in the period 1913-1917. A new Hudson Coal Company coal storage facility, Duffy's Field, in Childs, PA, was then built (at a cost \$125,000, and with a capacity 170,000 tons). A trestle had to be erected the length of Duffy's Field to carry the coal from the Powderly Breaker through the new coal storage facility.

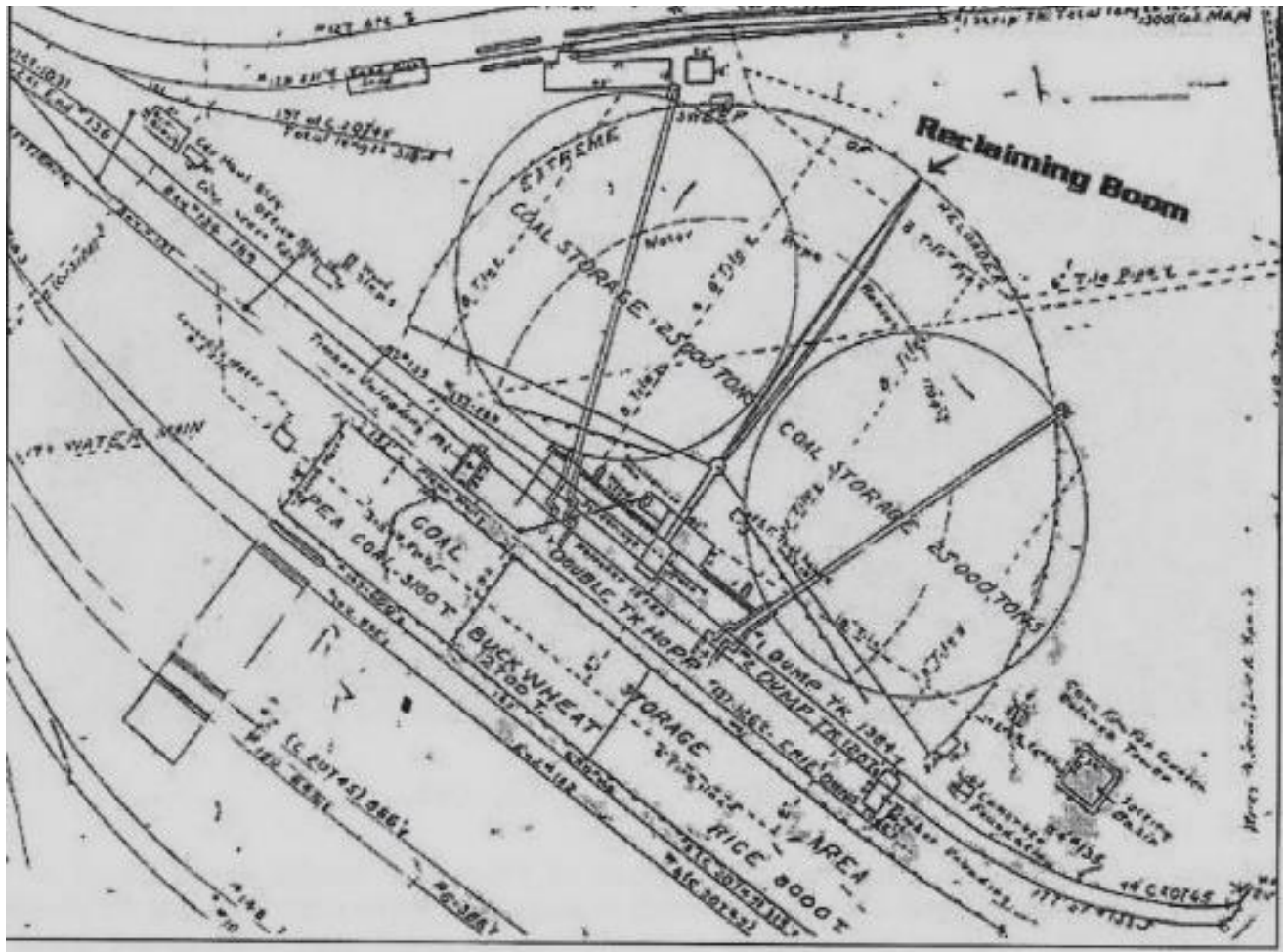


Map, Showing Location of Duffy's Field and Powderly Breaker No. 2: Duffy's Field (upper right-hand corner of map) and Powderly Breaker No. 2 (center of map; see photo on page 14). Duffy's Field was in Childs, PA, bounded on the West by the D&H steam locomotive rail line (the Valley Road), on the East by the NYO&W Railway, and on the South by Erie Street.

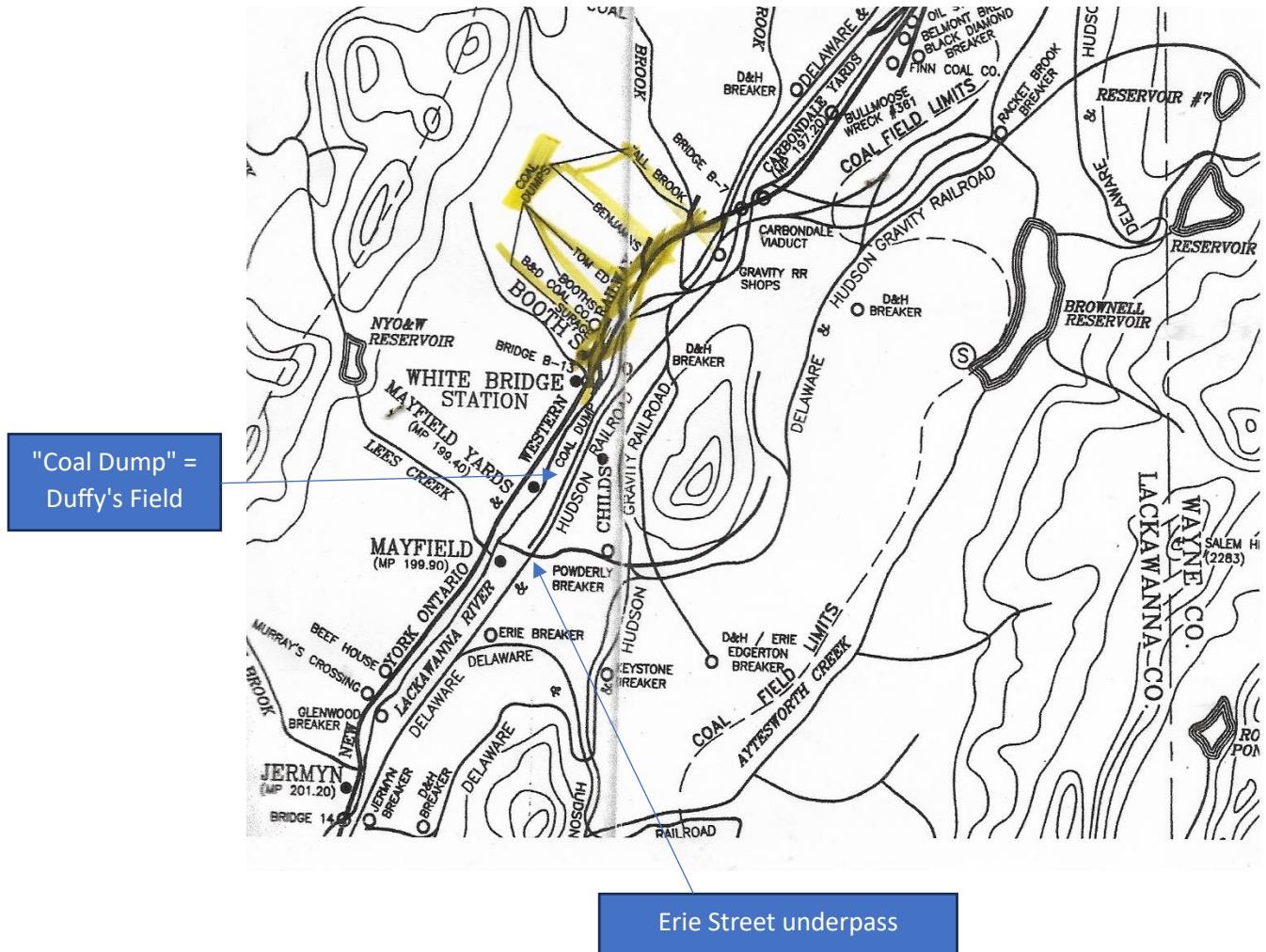
Map from Walter Kierzkowski,
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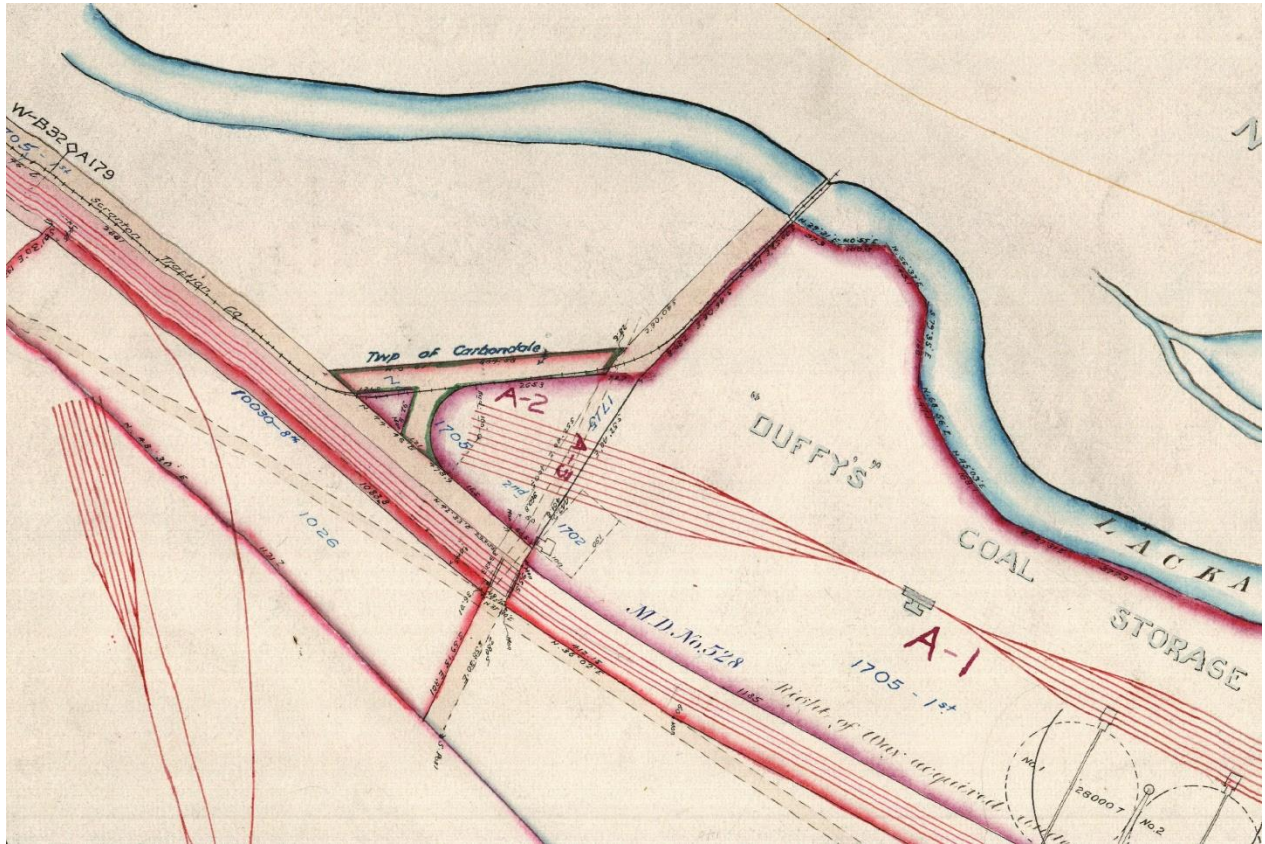
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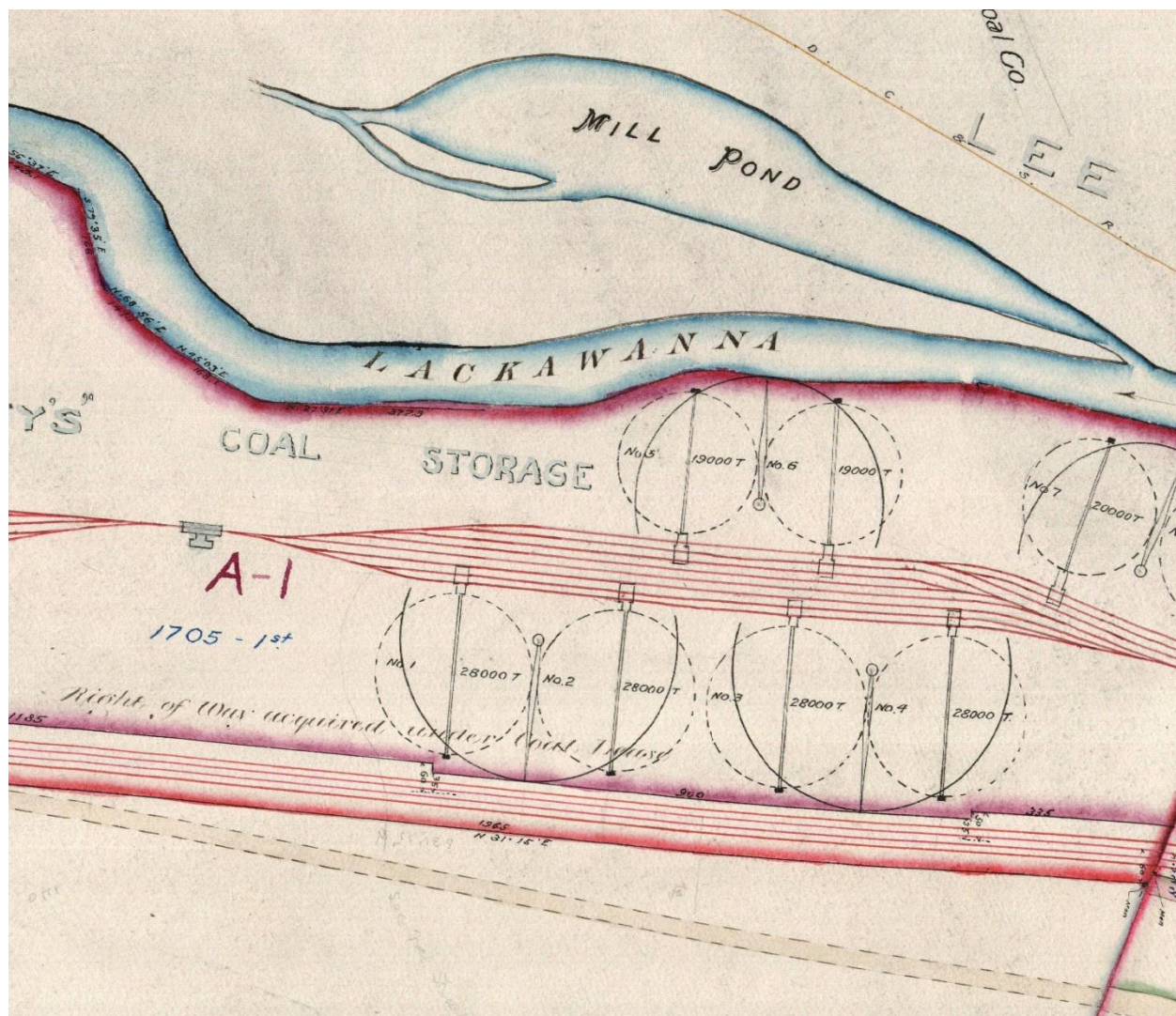


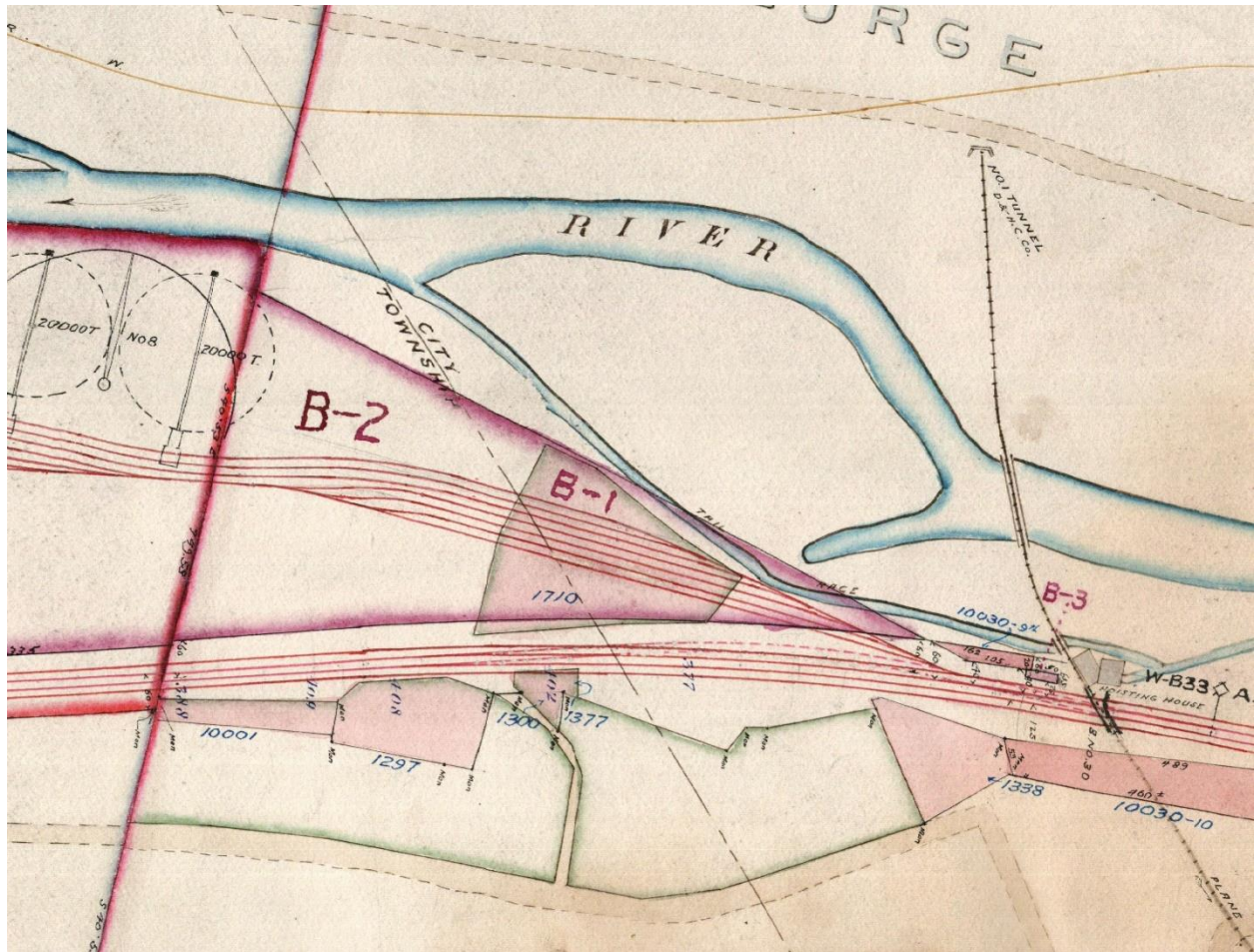
Duffy's Field: Identified on this map as "Coal Dump" Map courtesy of Walt Kierzkowski, Jermyn, PA on 09-19-2023.

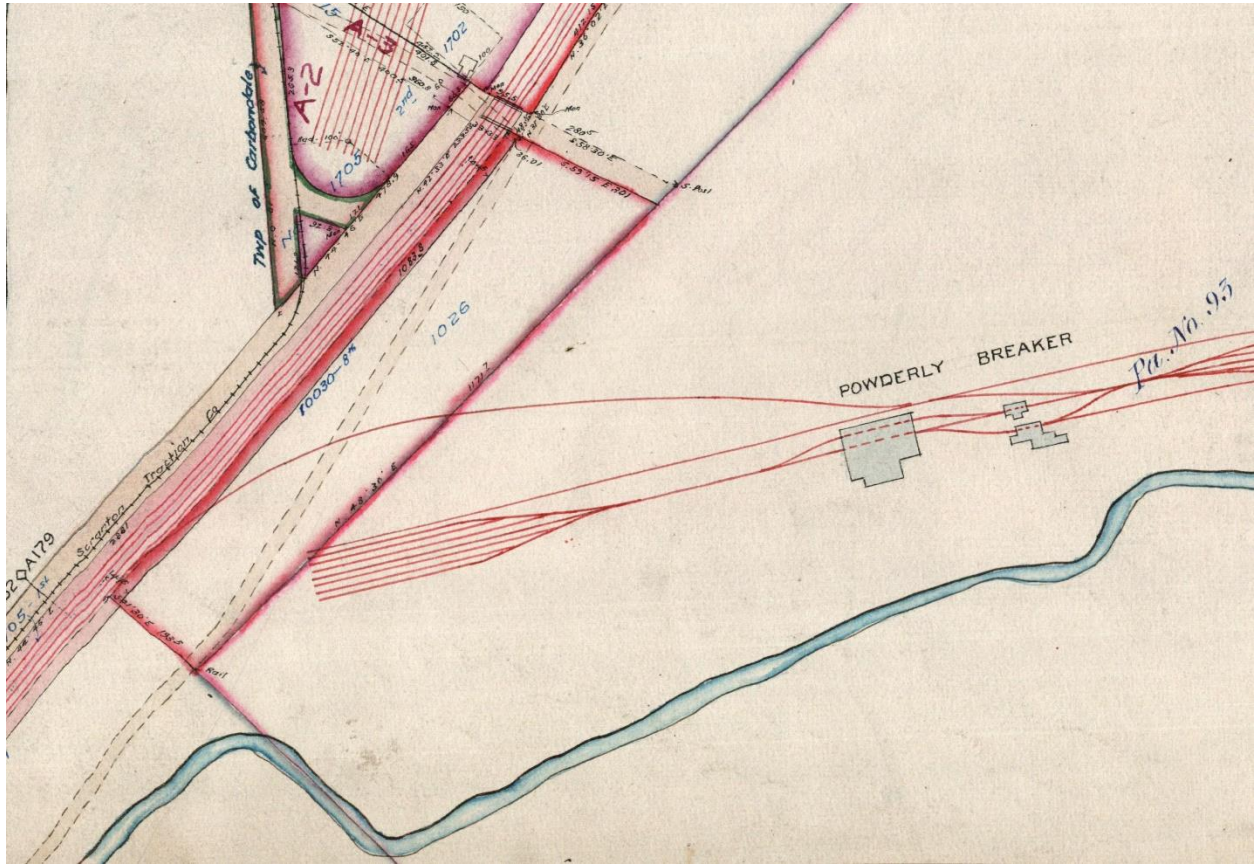


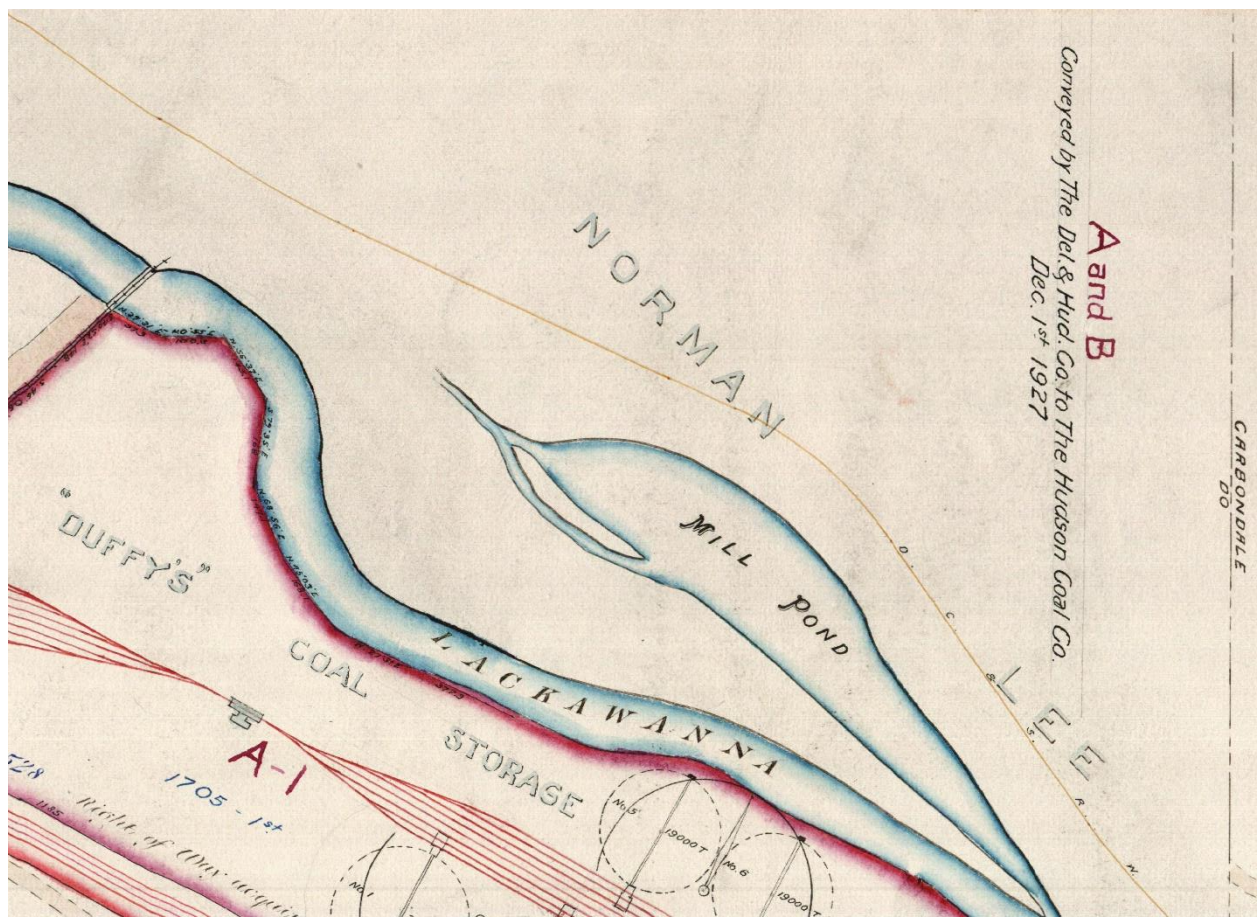
Duffy's Field, as shown in the map volume from the Medina Railroad Museum (volume now in the collection of the Carbondale Historical Society) titled *The Delaware & Hudson Canal Company Railroad, Pennsylvania Division, Plymouth to Carbondale* Scale 200 feet to an inch:









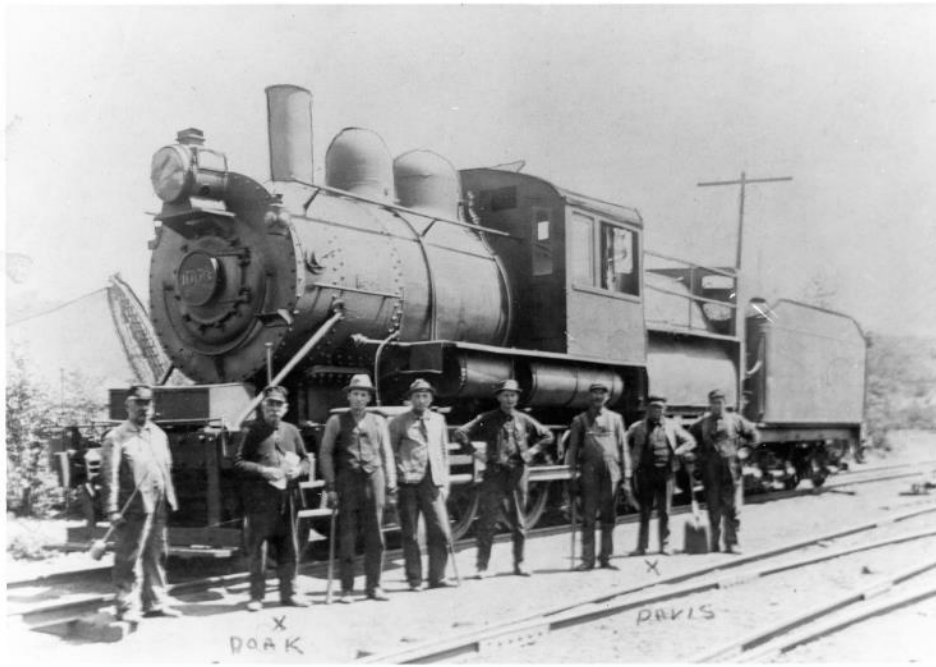




View, looking north, at a train of loaded coal cars, heading south, from the storage/staging yard at the entrance to Duffy's Field, on their way into the main coal storage area of Duffy's Field (where they will be unloaded). This storage yard can be clearly seen in the top right corner of the blue print map shown above).

The coal stored at Duffy's Field was shipped mostly south in trainload lots, for loading onto ships to foreign destinations. This facility was served off the "slow tracks" (the two outside tracks on the four-track system extending south from Carbondale). The "slow tracks" were also designated for use by the mine run crews. The two middle tracks were for through freight and/or passenger train use.

Walt K: 09-18-2023: ".... there was a Duffy's Coal Co up behind the Powderly Breaker served by the D&H RR."



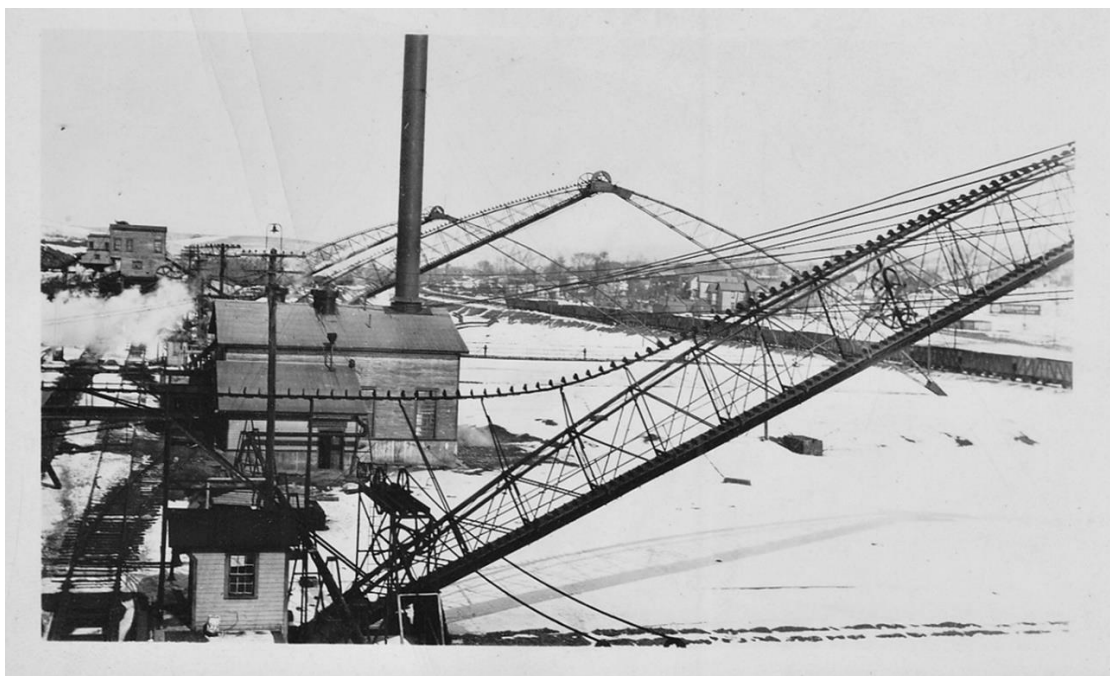
D&H Railroad Men at Duffy's Field

The photo shown above titled “D&H Railroad Men at Duffy’s Field” was in the Mike Zrowka collection of photographs. The Zrowka collection is now owned by Breezy Bischak, who, on August 25, 2023, forwarded a copy of this photograph to S. R. Powell, who is presently writing an article about Duffy’s Field. The engine in this Duffy’s Field photograph from the Zrowka collection may well be the same engine that is shown above on page 10. In this photograph from the Zrowka collection, two men are identified by name: Messrs. Doak and Davis.

D&H E4 class 2-8-0 camelback Consolidation #1003, with her crew at Duffy’s Field, Carbondale, PA. Date unknown; collection of Mike Bischak



View West from Duffy's Field, showing "downtown" Childs in the background

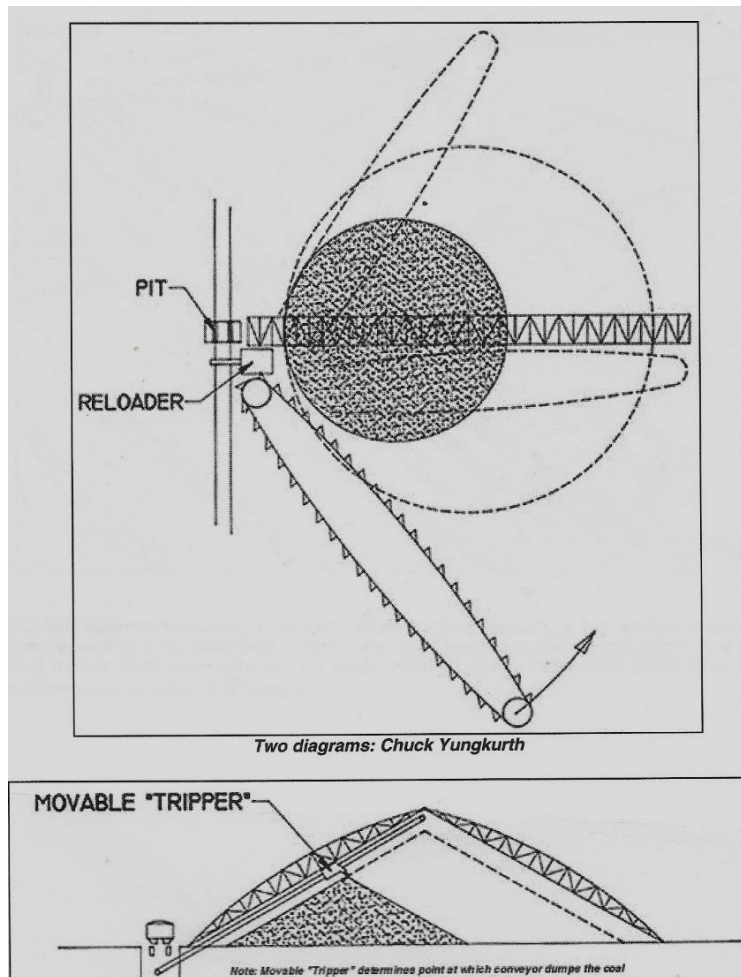


View North from Duffy's Field; D&H Valley Road on the right



Duffy's Field, looking South

Additional material on "trimmers" from Walter Kierzkowski, October 1, 2023:



S. Robert Powell <srp18407@gmail.com>

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October 1, 2023

Walt:

Thanks for the drawings/renderings of "trimmers".

Knowing what those devices are called will help me learn more about the day-to-day workings of Duffy's Field.

Robert



Duffy's Field: detail of unloading apparatus.



Duffy's Field, looking South



Duffy's Field, looking Southeast, with steam engine (upper left of photo) heading north on D&H Valley Road



Duffy's Field, on the left, and loaded coal cars (having been filled at Duffy's field, on their way o market)



Duffy's Field, looking South (Walt K. photo)



Duffy's Field Dec. 22, 1917 Courtesy: Bridge Line Historical Society

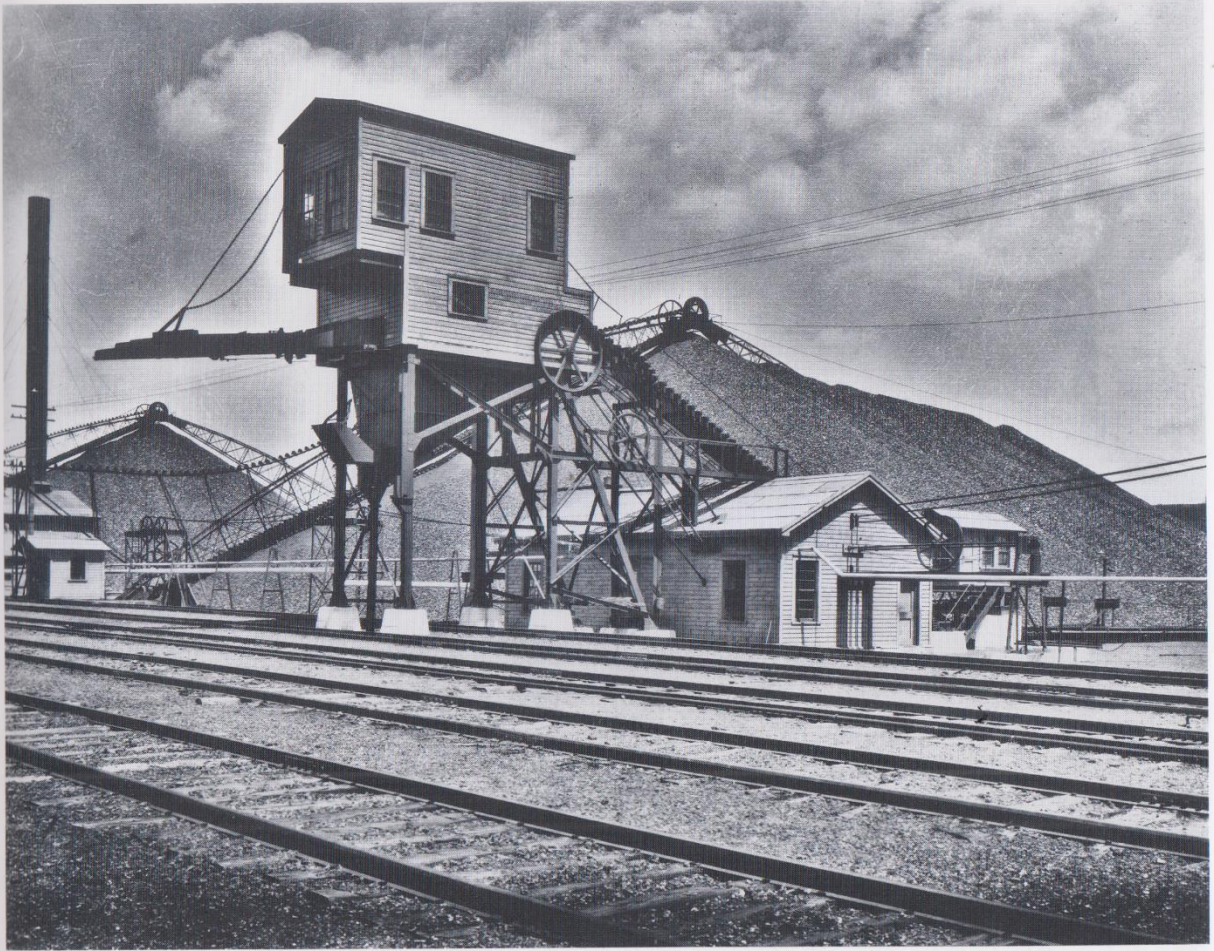
Mess House at Duffy's Field (BLHS photo, December 22, 1917)



Duffy's Field (BLHS photo)



Coal Loading and Unloading Machinery at Duffy's Field (Walt K. photo)



RE-LOADER AT DUFFY'S FIELD STORAGE YARD
HORGAN #18524, c. 1917

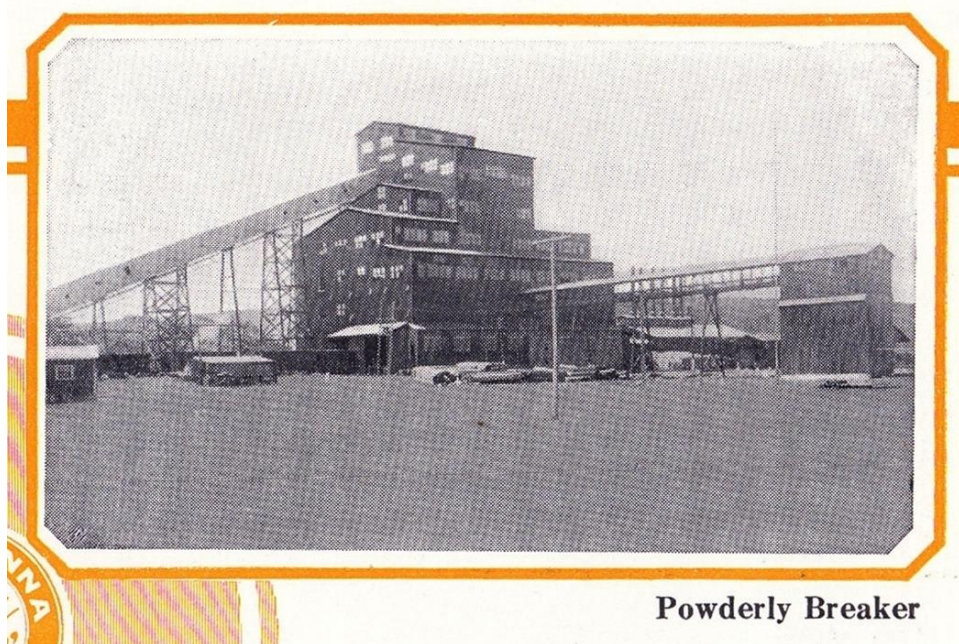
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Duffy's Field, view looking North (tracks and coal-loading facilities to load coal into hoppers and send coal to market)



Erie Breaker, across from NYO&W Yard in Childs (Walt K. photo)

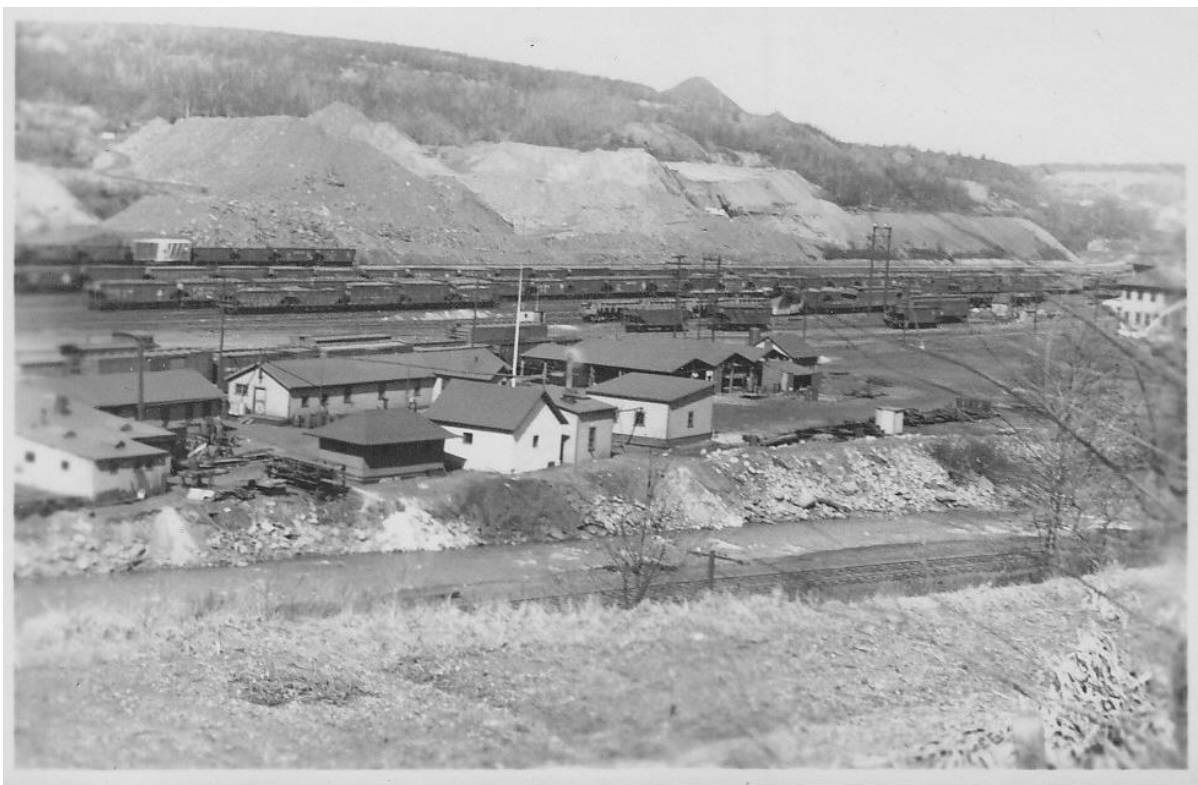


Powderly Breaker



Erie Breaker near Carbondale, Pa.

Erie Breaker; post card in the collection of the Carbondale Historical Society

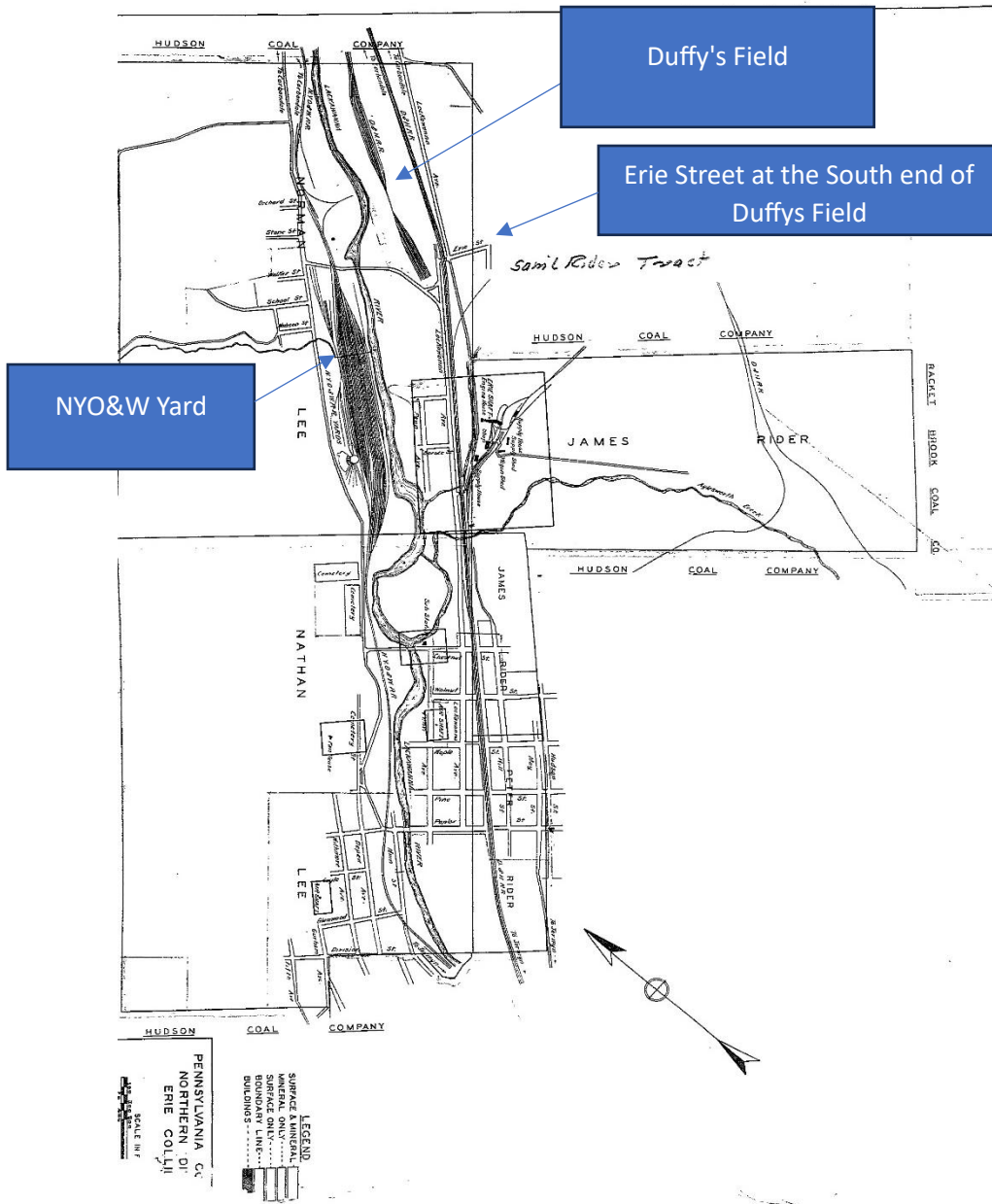


Not O&W Yard, says Walter Kierzkowski; possibly the north end of the Carbondale D&H Yard (Walt K. photo)

The D&H call letters for South Carbondale were *DF* (Duffy's Field).

Map, Showing Carbondale Township, Childs, and Mayfield (from Walter Kierzkowski, October 4, 2023:

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Shown below is a photo of Duffy's Field from Walter Kierzkowski that we presented, above, on page 16.

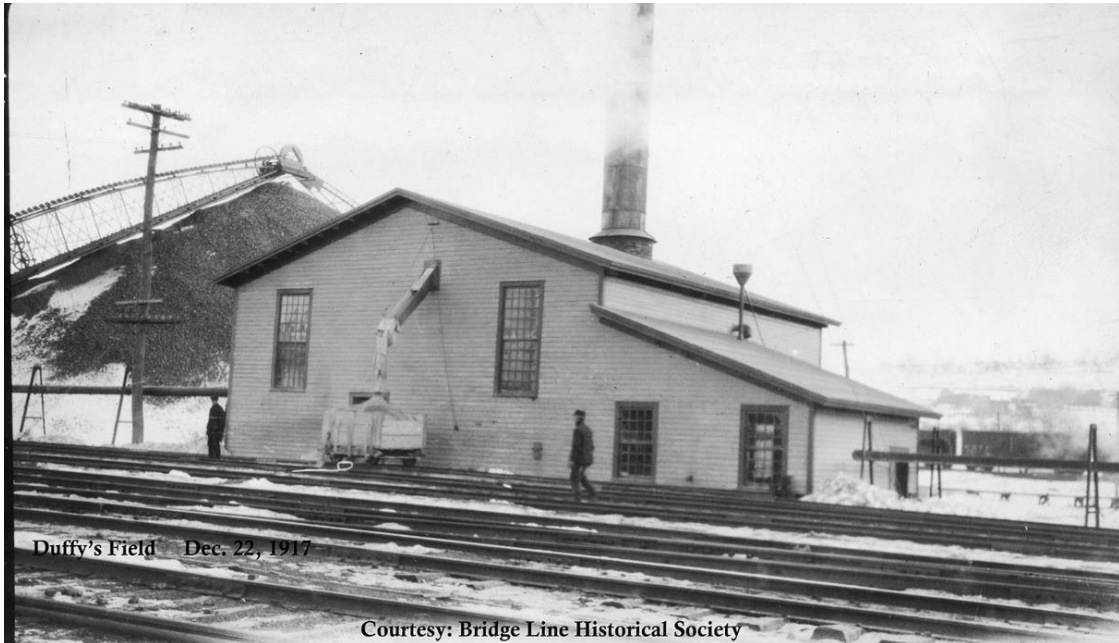


Duffy's Field, looking Southeast, with steam engine (upper left of photo) heading north on D&H Valley Road

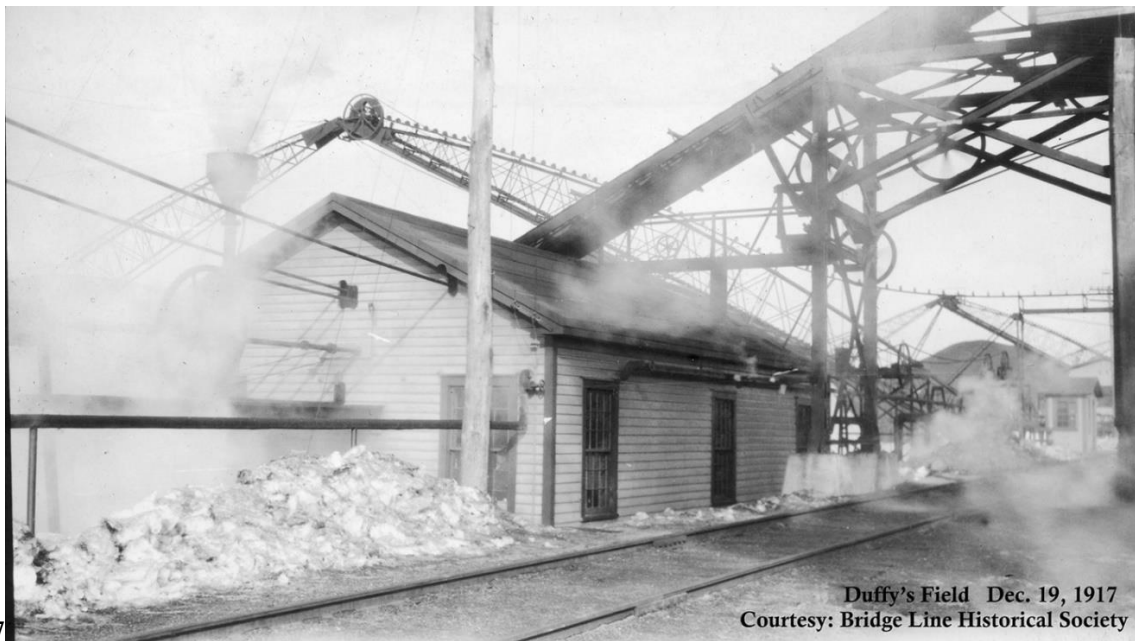
We have presented this photo again here because this photo of Duffy's Field, an important historical site in Carbondale Township, is included in the 2024 year-end greeting to all / annual report that was published on Facebook, on December 31, 2024, by Cody Gonsauls and the Carbondale Township Historical Society.

The complete text of the CTHS 2024 year-end greeting to all / annual report is presented as the final item (No. 93) of S. Robert Powell's *Addendum VII* (2024).

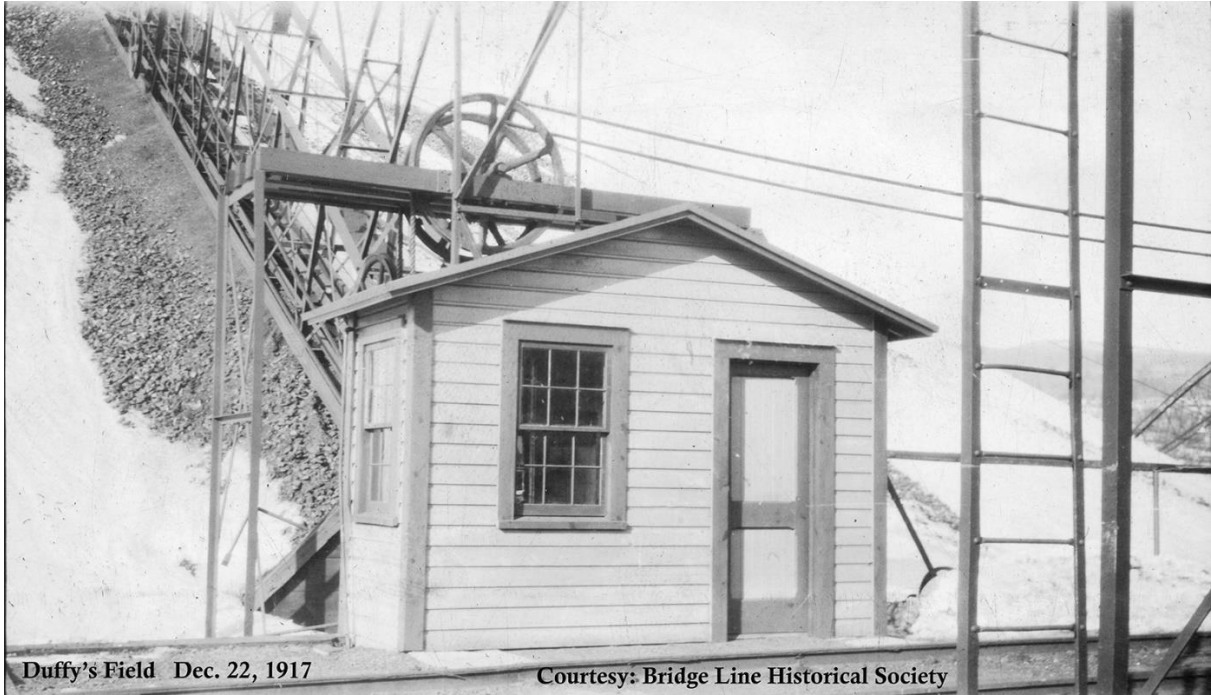
Three Duffy's Field photos that are among the D&H "nationalization of the D&H Railroad" photos in the collection of the Bridge Line Historical Society:



Boiler House, December 22, 1917



Engine House, December 19, 1917



Duffy's Field Dec. 22, 1917

Courtesy: Bridge Line Historical Society

House on Unloading Chutes, December 22, 1917

February 28, 2025)